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1. ARMA DISCUSSED THE ACCUSATION THAT AMERICAN UNTSO OFFICERS HAD USED FOUL LANGUAGE DURING A U.S. INSPECTION OF AN EGYPTIAN MILITARY UNIT. (SEE REFTEL, PARA 4 AND 5). CAPT WARD, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN UNTSO TEAM STATED THAT HE AND CPT RADER AND LT ZEIGLER WERE DIRECTED BY THEIR CHIEF TO MAKE AN INSPECTION OF AN EGYPTIAN MILITARY UNIT ABOUT 25 MAY. THEY PROCEEDED TO ISMAILIA WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY AN EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER (LNO) AND THEN PROCEEDED ON ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL TO THE AREA OF THE EGYPTIAN UNIT. THE EGYPTIAN LNO STATED THAT THEY COULD ONLY INSPECT AND COUNT TROOPS ABOVE THE GROUND AND COULD NOT ENTER BUNKERS OR UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS NOR COULD THEY OPEN ANY TYPE OF CONTAINERS. CAPT WARD CALLED ISMAILIA BY RADIO WHERE THE CHIEF EGYPTIAN LIAISON OFFICER (FROM THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY) ORDERED THE EGYPTIAN LNO WITH CAPT WARD AND
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PARTY TO PERMIT A FULL INSPECTION OF THE UNIT. WHEN THE EGYPTIAN LNO REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE ORDER, A SECOND CALL WAS MADE TO ISMAILIA AND THE LNO WAS ORDERED A SECOND TIME TO PERMIT THE INSPECTION, HOWEVER HE AGAIN REFUSED. CAPT WARD ADMITS THAT AN ARGUMENT ENSUED AND WHEN THE EGYPTIAN LNO REFUSED TO BUDGE THE AMERICAN PARTY DEPARTED, LEAVING THE EGYPTIAN BEHIND AND WENT TO ANOTHER UNIT TO CONTINUE

THEIR DUTIES. A FULL REPORT WAS MADE THROUGH UNITED NATIONS CHANNELS BY THE AMERICANS.

2. CAPT WARD ADMITTED THAT HE BECAME OVERZEALOUS, HOWEVER DENIES THAT ANY FOUL LANGUAGE WAS USED AT ANY TIME DURING THE DISAGREEMENT. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IN THE FUTURE HE WILL REPORT VIOLATIONS OR PROBLEMS THROUGH U.N. CHANNELS AND NOT ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE HIS WILL UPON THOSE UNITS HE IS REQUIRED TO INSPECT. IT IS BELIEVED THE INCIDENT IS NOW CLOSED AND HOPEFULLY A SIMILAR INCIDENT WILL NOT AGAIN OCCUR.
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